

**REMARKS**

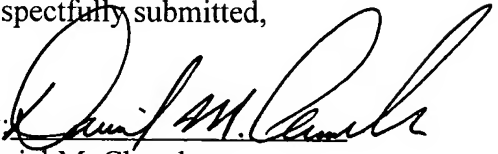
As filed, this continuation application contained 6 claims. The above amendment effects cancellation of claims 1-6 and adds new claims 7-25. These amendments add no new matter and are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter no longer or not yet claimed in this or a related application.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and they respectfully request an early notice to such effect. Of course, if any issue exists that can be dealt with appropriately without need for a formal action and response thereto, the examiner assigned to this case is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 858.350.9690 at the his/her earliest convenience so that the same may be expeditiously resolved.

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